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C O N F I D E N T I A L PONTA DELGADA 0425

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SUBJECT: BOMB FLAS IN PONTA DELGADA

REF: PONTA DELGADA 0421 (NOTAL)

1. THE SECOND BOMB IN THREE DAYS EXPLODED IN PONTA DELGADA AT ABOUT 5:30 A.M. LOCAL TIME ON NOVEMBER 6. THE BOMB BROKE WINDOWS IN THEHOUSE AND DAMAGED THE CAR OF A LOCAL SOCIALIST PARTY LEADER. THERE WERE NO INJURIES.

2. MILITARY SOURCES HERE SAY THE BOMBS WERE HOME-MADE DEVICES BUILT WITH PORTABLE GAS CANISTERS. THE BONB ON NOVEMBER 6 WAS SMALLER THAN THE PREVIOUS ONE.

3. THERE IS NO INFORMATION AS TO WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBS. THE ARMY COMMANDER SAID IT COULD BE EITHER THE EXTREME LEFT OR AND EXTREME FACTION WITHIN FLA.

4. THE SOCIALIST WHOSE HOUSE WAS DAMAGED TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD RECEIVED TELEPHONE THREATS IN THE PAST. HE SAID HE THOUGHT HE WAS A TARGET BECAUSE HE IS A MEMBER OF THE LOCAL PS SECRETARIAT AND IS ANTI-FLA.

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5. COMMENT: THE SOCIALIST LEADERS HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT ANONOMOUS THREATS FOR MANY WEEKS AND HAVE ACCUSED THE SECURITY POLICE IN BOTH PONTA DELGADA AND HORTA ON SEPARATE OCCASIONS OF FAILING TO DO THEIR JOB BECAUSE OF SEPARATISTS SYMPATHIES. THE POLICE HAVE DENIED THE SOCIALISTS' ACCUSATIONS. THE LATEST BOMB WILL HEIGHTEN SOCIALIST CONCERNS.

6. IF A FACTION OF FLA IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE BOMBINGS, IT WOULD DAMAGE THE MOVEMENT'S SUPPORT AMONG MANY AZOREANS WHO DISLIKE VIOLENCE. ALTHOUGH BOTH THE NAVY AND THE PS ARE UNPOPULAR WITH FLA, IT IS DOUBTFUL THAT ANY RESPONSIBLE FLA LEADER WOULD SANCTION THE BOMBINGS. FOR THAT REASON MANY BELIEVE THE EXTREME LEFT SET THE BOMBS IN HOPES OF DISCREDITING FLA AND SOWING CONFUSION.
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